Smiling Through Your Singleness

"First Aid For The Family", Part 5 of 6
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"Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry." (1 Corinthians 7:1, NIV)

"So the person who marries does well, and the person who doesn't marry does even better." (1 Corinthians 7:38, NLT)

Learning To Smile Through Your Singleness

(from 1 Corinthians 7)

I) SEE SINGLENESS ___AS A GIFT FROM GOD___.

"I wish everyone could get along without marrying, just as I do. But we are not all the same. God gives some the gift of marriage, and to others he gives the gift of singleness." (1 Corinthians 7:7, NLT)

Jesus said: "For there are different reasons why [people] cannot marry…Some, because they are born that way; Others, because men made them that way; And some refuse to marry for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let anyone who can, accept my statement." (Matthew 19:12, TEV & LB)

II) BE FAITHFUL ___IN YOUR CURRENT SITUATION___.

"Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so. For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave. You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. Brothers, each man, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation God called him to."
(1Corinthians 7:21-24,NIV)

III) ENJOY THE ___FREEDOM SINGLENESS OFFERS___.

"I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord."
(1Corinthians 7:32-35, NIV)

IV) EVALUATE IF YOU ___REALLY SHOULD MARRY___.

1) Is your ___SEX DRIVE PRETTY STRONG___?

"Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am. But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion." (1Corinthians 7:8-9, NIV)

2) Are you ___WILLING TO SHARE YOURSELF FULLY___?

"The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife." (1Corinthians 7:3-4, NIV)

3) Are you ___READY FOR THE ADDED AGGRAVATION___?

"But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this." (1Corinthians 7:28, NIV)

V) FIND YOUR DEEPEST ___SATISFACTION IN JESUS__.

"Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him." (1 Corinthians 7:17a, NIV)

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33, NIV)